

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A method for separating hydrocarbons from a material, comprising:  
passing a stream of heated air over the material to volatilize hydrocarbons disposed thereon;  
passing the stream of heated air containing the hydrocarbons through a first condenser to form liquified hydrocarbons;  
collecting the liquified hydrocarbons; and  
recirculating the heated air.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising filtering the stream of air prior to passing the stream through a condenser.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising filtering the stream of air after passing the stream through a condenser.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising passing the stream of air through a second condenser.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising thermally oxidizing any non-condensable gases prior to re-circulating the stream of air.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein a hydrocarbon content of a material is reduced to 0.1% or less after treating the material for a period of time.

17-25 (Cancelled)